

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview of July 17, 2007. As discussed at the interview, the present invention pertains to a player for a double-sided optical disc that can be read from both sides without turning the disc over. Since the disc has the same size and shape as a standard optical disc, when it is inserted into a player, the player would not know how to read it or what kind of disc it is. The present invention pertains to a player that attempts to read specific data in a specific area of the disc and if this specific data is not found that the player assumes that the disc is being rotated in the wrong direction and either generates a message to this effect to the user or reverses the rotation of the disc.

More specifically, claims 1, 8 and 17 and claims dependent thereon pertain to a player that looks for lead-in area data, as discussed in the specification on pages 23 first two full paragraphs and page 27, first full paragraph. New claim 35 is similar in scope to former claim 26 (now cancelled) and covers an embodiment in which the disc is formed with a main data area and a special area containing special data. The special data may be BCA encoding information, a bar code formed of bars and spaces or other types of information, as described in the specification at pages 23-27 and Figs. 5 and 6.

Some of the informalities in the claims noted by the examiner have been corrected.

Contrary to the Examiner's opinion, the subject matter of claim 35 is fully disclosed by the portion of the specification cited above and the related claims.


The rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC 112 is not understood. Both of these claims depend on claim 3 which in turn depends on claim 1 and recites a first and second laser head. Similarly the objection to claim 22 is not understood since the claim recites a display.


The claims stand rejected as being anticipated by Ishibashi. Ishibashi discloses a disc on which a sync signal having a first or a second width. The sync signal is not a data signal.

In regard to the drawings objections raised by the Examiner in the Office Action, attached herewith are two (2) replacement sheets. In Fig. 2, the output of buffer 132 has been labeled DATA OUT and in Fig. 11, the lower input to processor 124 has been labeled DATA FROM SIDE B as requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and therefore it should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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